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For: COMPOSITION BASED ON CROSS-LINKED  
STARCH AND DEPOLYMERIZED STARCH  
SUITABLE AS GELATINE REPLACEMENT

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), a one-month extension of time is hereby requested to respond to the Office Action dated July 25, 2003, i.e., up until November 25, 2003. A check in the amount of \$110.00 for a large entity pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17 is enclosed for the requisite fee.

If any additional fees are due or any overpayment has been made, please charge or credit Deposit Account No. 08-2461 for such sum.

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